

## NIPPLE FOR HOT WATER TANK CONDUITS

### ABSTRACT

A nipple for connection to an outer metal casing of a hot water heater for coupling a water conduit to an inner casing of the hot water heater is described. The nipple is a hollow tube having opposed threaded end portions. A thermally insulating sleeve is provided about the hollow tube intermediate the opposed threaded end portions. The nipple is adapted for connection in a hole formed in the outer metal casing with the thermally insulating sleeve in contact with a circumferential edge of the hole to insulate the metal casing from the nipple.